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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING ACROSS THE BOARD WAGE INCREASES

1. MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT CARMELO LAURIA IS REPORTED BY PRESS AS STATING THAT WAGE INCREASE UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES WILL BE APPLIED EQUALLY TO PRIVATE SECTOR. MINISTER LAURIA REFUSED TO COMMENT AS TO AMOUNT OF INCREASE OR WHEN IT WILL BE APPLIED.

2. PRESS ALSO CARRIES SIMILAR STATEMENTS BY VENEZUELAN CONFEDERATION OF WORKERS (CTV) PRESIDENT FRANCISCO OLIVO, WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE CONFIRMATION DIRECTLY FROM PRESIDENT PEREZ THAT THE INCREASE WILL APPLY EQUALLY TO BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS. PRESS REPORTS INCREASES WILL BE APPLIED AS FOLLOWS: WORKERS EARNING LESS THAN BS 1,000 PER MONTH WILL BE RAISED 25 PCT; WORKERS EARNING FROM BS 1,001 TO 1,500 WILL RECEIVE 20 PCT INCREASE; FROM BS 1,501 TO 2,500, A 15 PCT INCREASE, AND BS 2,501 TO 3,500, A 10 PCT INCREASE.

3. COMMENT: A MOVE BY PRESIDENT PEREZ TO IMPROVE INCOME DISTRIBUTION IS CONSISTENT WITH THE FINDINGS OF A PRE-ELECTORAL DATOS POLL WHICH FOUND THAT THIS WAS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES AMONG ACCION DEMOCRITICA SUPPORTERS.
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